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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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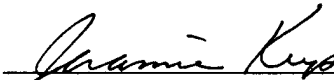
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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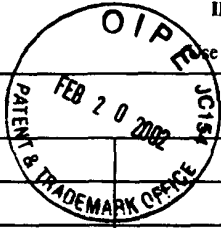


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			Homework Transport Platform; Targeted Services Distribution Shelf; ADC Video Systems			
			Homework HWX Transmission System; HWX 1550 nm Transmitter and Amplifier; ADC Broadband Communications			
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	FOM II Modems Technical Data; FOM II Series Model F2300 Group DS3 Interface Extenders; Versitron; www.versitron.com
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